

### Billing and Policy Clinics and Hospitals Bulletin 349

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#### **Benefits Identification Card: Psychiatric Drugs Exclusion**

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2003, claims including the following psychiatric drugs do not require an issue date and may be billed with either the recipient's Social Security Number or BIC ID number:

Amantadine HCl	Lamotrigine
Amitriptyline HCl	Lithium Carbonate
Aripiprazole	Lithium Citrate
Benztropine Mesylate	Loxapine Succinate
Biperiden HCl	Mesoridazine Besylate
Bupropion HCl	Mirtazapine
Buspirone HCl	Molindone HCl
Carbamazepine	Nefazodone HCl
Chlorpromazine HCl	Olanzapine
Citalopram Hydrobromide	Oxcarbazepine
Clomipramine HCl	Paroxetine HCl
Clonidine HCl	Perphenazine
Clozapine	Phenelzine
Desipramine HCl	Pimozide
Diphenhydramine HCl	Quetiapine Fumarate
Divalproex Sodium	Risperidone
Donepezil HCl	Rivastigmine Tartrate
Doxepin HCl	Sertraline HCl
Escitalopram Oxalate	Thioridazine HCl
Fluoxetine HCl	Thiothixene
Fluphenazine Decanoate	Topiramate
Fluphenazine HCl	Tranlycypromine
Fluvoxamine Maleate	Trazodone HCl
Gabapentin	Trifluoperazine HCl
Haloperidol	Trihexyphenidyl HCl
Haloperidol Decanoate	Valproate Sodium
Haloperidol Lactate	Valproic Acid
Hydroxyzine HCl	Venlafaxine HCl
Imipramine HCl	Ziprasidone HCl
Isocarboxazid	

The Department of Health Services (DHS) Medical Review Branch continues to issue replacement Medi-Cal Benefits Identification Cards (BICs) in an ongoing effort to nullify BICs that may have been stolen or misused. As a general safeguard, there is a claims payment requirement when determining recipient eligibility for use of all but select drugs and services. This claims payment requirement was outlined in the July 2003 *Medi-Cal Update* in an article titled "Benefits Identification Card: Billing Reminder" and is repeated as follows.

*Please see BIC, page 2*

**BIC** *(continued)*

When verifying eligibility for recipients who receive new cards, the Automated Eligibility Verification System (AEVS) will return the eligibility message, “For claims payment, current BIC ID number and date of issue required.” Providers must have and use the BIC ID number and issue date from the new card when verifying recipient eligibility. All but excluded providers must have and use the BIC ID number and issue date from the new card when submitting claims for reimbursement. If the BIC ID number and issue date of the new card are not on the claim for recipients whose card returns the message, “Current BIC ID number and issue date required for payment,” the claim will be denied.

The following provider types are not required to provide an issue date on the claim and may bill with either the recipient’s Social Security Number or BIC ID number: Emergency Air Ambulance Transportation, Alternative Birthing Centers, Community Hospital Inpatient, Community Hospital Outpatient, County Hospital Inpatient, County Hospital Outpatient, Genetic Disease Testing, Emergency Ground Transportation, Certified Hospice, Long Term Care Facility and Mental Health Inpatient. For all other provider types, the ID number must be placed on all claims.

For assistance with eligibility, the Automated Eligibility Verification System (AEVS), Point of Service (POS) device or Medi-Cal Web site, [www.medi-cal.ca.gov](http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov), call the POS/Internet Help Desk at 1-800-427-1295. If illegal use of a BIC is suspected, or if there are questions about this policy, call the Provider Support Center (PSC) at 1-800-541-5555.

**24-Hour ECG Monitoring Codes: Benefit Update**

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2003, the following CPT-4 codes are reimbursable as Medi-Cal benefits for 24-hour electrocardiographic (ECG) monitoring:

- 93226 (electrocardiographic monitoring for 24 hours by continuous original ECG waveform recording and storage, with visual superimposition scanning; includes recording, scanning analysis with report, physician review and interpretation; scanning analysis with report)
- 93232 (electrocardiographic monitoring for 24 hours by continuous original ECG waveform recording and storage without superimposition scanning utilizing a device capable of producing a full miniaturized printout; includes recording, microprocessor-based analysis with report, physician review and interpretation; microprocessor-based analysis with report)

*The updated information is reflected on manual replacement pages cardio 2 and 6 (Part 2) and tar and non cd9 2 (Part 2).*

**Prosthetic Implant: New Benefit**

Effective for services on or after October 1, 2003, surgical providers may bill HCPCS code L8699 (prosthetic implant, not otherwise specified) for reimbursement of internal joint implants inserted during orthopedic procedures. Prior authorization is required. Code L8699 should be billed only if a more specific code is unavailable. *This information is reflected on manual replacement pages hcpcs ii 2 (Part 2) and surg 2 (Part 2).*

### Gastric Suction Pumps: New HCPCS Code

Effective for dates of service on or after September 22, 2003, claims for gastric suction pumps must be billed with HCPCS code E2000 (gastric suction pump, home model, portable or stationary, electric). If providers obtained a *Treatment Authorization Request* (TAR) under a different procedure code, and provided the TAR after September 22, 2003, the TAR field office should be contacted to modify the procedure code on the TAR to be in agreement with the new code. *This information is reflected on manual replacement page medi non hcp 1 (Part 2).*

### Non-Invasive Vascular Diagnostic Studies: Billing Limitations

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2003, reimbursement for CPT-4 codes 93875 – 93888 and 93925 – 93979 (Non-Invasive Vascular Diagnostic Studies [NVDS]) is limited to three studies per 12-month period, per code, by any rendering provider, for the same recipient.

When the code frequency for NVDS is exceeded, a *Remittance Advice Details* (RAD) will be issued directing the provider to resubmit the claim with documentation of medical justification. A current history and physical, or a current progress note, that states the recipient's diagnosis and need for additional NVDS should be included with the claim. To further support the medical necessity, prior NVDS reports also should be submitted with the claim. *The updated information is reflected on manual replacement page medne non 1 (Part 2).*

### Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B Combo Vaccine: Billing Reminder

Providers are reminded that for dates of service on or after September 22, 2003, the hepatitis A and hepatitis B combination vaccine is reimbursable only when billed with CPT-4 code 90636. Providers who use HCPCS code X5346 on or after September 22, 2003 for this vaccine will be denied reimbursement. Refer to the *Injections and Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program* sections of the Part 2 provider manual for specific billing information about this vaccine.

### Ultrasound Code Range: Correction

Current policy allows providers to perform an ultrasound prior to an induced abortion. This service may be reimbursed with CPT-4 codes 76801 – 76815 and 76817, when billed in conjunction with ICD-9 diagnosis codes 635 – 635.92, 637 – 637.92, 638 – 638.9 or V61.7. With the 2003 CPT-4 update, code 76816 (ultrasound, pregnant uterus, follow-up, per fetus) was incorrectly included within the range of acceptable CPT-4 codes, and has been removed. *This correction is reflected on manual replacement page abort 3 (Part 2).*

### Podiatry Rate Adjustment

Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2003, reimbursement rates for podiatry office visit Evaluation and Management (E & M) services (CPT-4 codes 99201 – 99203 and 99211 – 99213) are equal to physician E & M reimbursement rates. Claims that have already been submitted for dates of service on or after July 1, 2003 will be automatically reprocessed.

## Podiatry Services: Policy Update

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2003, CPT-4 codes 11720 (debridement of nail[s] by any method[s]; one to five) and 11721 (...six or more) must be billed in conjunction with a primary diagnosis code indicating one of the following:

- A systemic disease or disorder of the feet that significantly impairs the ability to walk
- An infection to the toe, nail or foot

Claims for CPT-4 codes 11720 and 11721 must include ICD-9 code 110.1 (dermatophytosis of nail) as the secondary diagnosis code. A *Treatment Authorization Request* (TAR) is required.

**Note:** Claims for CPT-4 codes 11720 and 11721 must include the referring or treating provider's identification number in the *Attending Physician ID* field (Box 82) of the claim.

*This updated information is reflected on manual replacement page podi 5 (Part 2).*

## Medi-Cal Field Office: Address Change

Effective September 22, 2003, the San Francisco Medi-Cal Field Office address has changed, as follows:

San Francisco Medi-Cal Field Office (SFMCFO)  
575 Market Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94105-2823

All telephone numbers remain the same. *Treatment Authorization Requests* (TARs) formerly sent to 185 Berry Street, Suite 290, should be sent to the new address. *This information is reflected on manual replacement pages tar field 9 (Part 2) and podi 2 (Part 2).*



## CHDP Gateway: Pre-Enrollment Reminder

Since July 1, 2003, Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program providers have been able to pre-enroll children in the Medi-Cal program using the new *Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program Pre-Enrollment Application* (DHS 4073, revised 7/03) either on the Medi-Cal Web site ([www.medi-cal.ca.gov](http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov)) or through the Point of Service (POS) network. Children younger than 19 years of age who are pre-enrolled in Medi-Cal at the time of a CHDP health assessment are eligible to receive either full-scope, no-cost Medi-Cal benefits and dental coverage or CHDP and emergency Medi-Cal services for up to two months.

During a child's CHDP health assessment visit, a provider electronically submits pre-enrollment information and receives an immediate response indicating the child's eligibility status. An eligible child will receive coverage for up to two months (during the month of application and the subsequent month).

If a child is eligible for Medi-Cal benefits, a Benefits Identification Card (BIC) number is included in the eligibility response and the provider prints an Immediate Need Eligibility Document for the child from the Web site or POS device.

*Please see CHDP, page 5*

## CHDP (continued)

Any Medi-Cal provider can provide service to children presenting one of the documents below. Use the BIC number that appears on the document to verify eligibility for services such as office visits, optometric exams or prescriptions.

**CHDP Gateway Pre-enrollment Application Response**

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**CHDP GATEWAY PRE-ENROLLMENT RESPONSE**

Provider Number : zzzzzzzzz Application 07/01/2003 12/19/2002 9:26:50 AM

Patient's Name: Public John Q

Date of Birth: 01/01/1988

Gender: Male

BIC ID#: 1234567890

BIC Issue Date: 07/01/2003

Good Thru Date: 08/31/2003

You are temporarily eligible for Medi-Cal through 08/31/2003. Use this document to access Medi-Cal services until your Benefits Identification Card arrives. To continue your coverage, you must return a completed Joint Healthy Families/Medi-Cal application before 01/31/2003. If you do not receive the application in the mail within 10 days, call 1-800-880-5305.

Client Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Sample (above). Immediate Need Eligibility Document via Medi-Cal Web site.*

*Sample (right). Immediate Need Eligibility Document via POS device.*

<Header Line #1>  
CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES  
MEDI-CAL POS NETWORK  
<Header Line #6>

07/01/2003 12:04:22

TERMINAL : V123456789  
SOFTWARE : ZZACH01

PROVIDER NUMBER : CHA123456

**CHDP GATEWAY  
PRE-ENROLLMENT  
RESPONSE**

PATIENT NAME:  
PUBLIC JOHN Q

DATE OF BIRTH:  
1988-01-01

GENDER:  
M

BIC ID#:  
1234567890

ISSUE DATE:  
2003-07-01

GOOD THRU DATE:  
2003-08-31

YOU ARE TEMPORARILY ELIGIBLE FOR FULL SCOPE MEDI-CAL THROUGH 08/31/2003. USE THIS DOCUMENT TO ACCESS MEDI-CAL SERVICES UNTIL YOUR BIC ARRIVES. TO CONTINUE YOUR COVERAGE YOU MUST RETURN A COMPLETED JOINT HEALTHY FAMILIES/MEDI-CAL APPLICATION BEFORE 08/31/2003. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE THE APPLICATION WITHIN 10 DAYS, CALL 1-800-880-5305.

X  
CLIENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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<< PROVIDER MAIL >>

THANK YOU!  
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**Provider Assistance**

For questions regarding POS or Internet requirements, contact the POS/Internet Help Desk at 1-800-427-1295, seven days a week, from 6 a.m. to midnight.

Please refer to the Medi-Cal Web site ([www.medi-cal.ca.gov](http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov)) for more information about the CHDP program. Providers who are interested in becoming CHDP providers can contact their local CHDP program. Please visit [www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/chdp) for a list of local CHDP programs.

**DRUG USE REVIEW****Vacancies for the Medi-Cal Contract Drug Advisory Committee and Drug Use Review Board**

Medi-Cal has a unique opportunity for physicians and pharmacists to improve California's public health by serving on the Medi-Cal Contract Drug Advisory Committee (MCDAC) and the Medi-Cal Drug Use Review (DUR) Board. Medi-Cal has vacancies for the following:

- **One physician and one pharmacist on the Medi-Cal Contract Drug Advisory Committee (MCDAC)**

The MCDAC provides expert advice to Medi-Cal in its evaluation of drugs for addition to the Medi-Cal List of Contract Drugs. Committee members do most of their work by mail, with face-to-face meetings typically no more often than once a year. For information about the roles and responsibilities of this committee, go to: <http://www.dhs.cahwnet.gov/mcs/mcpd/MBB/contracting/word/procedur.doc>

*Please see Vacancies, page 6*

**Vacancies** (*continued*)

- **Two pharmacist advisors on the Medi-Cal Drug Use Review (DUR) Board**

The DUR Board has important influence on how drugs are used in California. By providing expert advice on policies set for Medi-Cal's prospective DUR system, and through analysis of data and educational programs, Medi-Cal's DUR Board members improve the health of Californians, while helping to control costs. Board members typically attend four meetings annually, either in Sacramento or by conference call. For more information about the roles and responsibilities of this board, go to:

[http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/DUR\\_about.asp](http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/dur/DUR_about.asp)

These positions are not salaried, but travel expenses are reimbursed. Here's a chance to make a difference!

Pharmacists and physicians interested in volunteering for either of these important committee positions can mail or e-mail their resumes and/or curriculum vitae to:

Linda Olsen  
MSC 4604  
P.O. Box 943732  
Sacramento CA 94234-7320  
E-mail: [lolsen@dhs.ca.gov](mailto:lolsen@dhs.ca.gov)

Resumes may also be hand-delivered to:

Linda Olsen  
Department of Health Services  
MSC 4604  
1501 Capitol Avenue, Room 71-3041  
Sacramento, CA 94234-7320

Questions may be directed to Vic Walker at (916) 552-9500 or via e-mail at [vwalker@dhs.ca.gov](mailto:vwalker@dhs.ca.gov).



### **Laboratory Testing: Deletions and Restrictions**

Effective for dates of service on or after December 1, 2003, CPT-4 codes 83001 (gonadotropin; follicle stimulating hormone [FSH]), 83002 (gonadotropin; luteinizing hormone [LH]) and 84146 (prolactin) will be updated to reflect the following reimbursement deletions and restrictions for Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care and Treatment) Program providers:

- CPT-4 code 83001 (FSH) will not be reimbursed in conjunction with primary diagnosis codes S101 – S102, S201 – S202, S301 – S302 and S701 – S702. In addition, code 83001, for primary diagnosis codes S901 – S902, is restricted to one test per year for the same recipient by the same provider.
- CPT-4 code 83002 (LH) will not be reimbursed by the Family PACT Program.
- CPT-4 code 84146 (prolactin) will not be reimbursed in conjunction with primary diagnosis codes S101 – S102, S201 – S202 and S301 – 302. In addition, code 84146, for primary diagnosis codes S901 – S902, is restricted to one test per year for the same recipient by the same provider.

Replacement pages for the *Family PACT: Policies, Procedures and Billing Instructions* (PPBI) manual will be issued in a future mailing to Family PACT providers. For more information about the Family PACT Program, please call the Provider Support Center (PSC) Hotline at 1-800-541-5555 (prompt option "17") from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, or visit the Family PACT Web site at [www.familypact.org](http://www.familypact.org).



## Provider Orientation and Update Sessions

The Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care and Treatment) Program was established in January 1997 to expand access to comprehensive family planning services for low-income California residents.

To be eligible to enroll as a medical provider in the Family PACT Program, the Medi-Cal provider seeking enrollment is required to attend a Provider Orientation and Update Session. When a group provider wishes to enroll, a physician-owner must attend the session. When a clinic wishes to enroll, the medical director or clinician responsible for oversight of the medical services rendered in connection with the Medi-Cal provider number is required to attend.

Office staff members, such as clinic managers and receptionists, are encouraged to attend but are not eligible to receive a *Certificate of Attendance*. Currently enrolled clinicians and staff are encouraged to attend to remain up to date with program policies and services.

**Note:** Medi-Cal laboratory and pharmacy providers are automatically eligible to participate in the Family PACT Program without attending an orientation session.

### Dates and Locations

The following dates and locations are scheduled through February 2004:

#### **November 19, 2003**

##### **Redding**

Red Lion Hotel  
1830 Hilltop Drive  
Redding, CA 96002  
*For directions, call*  
(530) 221-8700

#### **December 4, 2003**

##### **Riverside**

Riverside Marriott  
3400 Market Street  
Riverside, CA 92501  
*For directions, call*  
(909) 784-8000

#### **January 14, 2004**

##### **Yuba City**

Best Western Bonanza Inn  
1001 Clark Avenue  
Yuba City, CA 95991  
*For directions, call*  
(530) 933-5209

#### **February 24, 2004**

##### **Anaheim**

Radisson Hotel Maingate  
1850 South Harbor  
Anaheim, CA 92802  
*For directions, call*  
(714) 750-2801

Check-in begins at 8 a.m. All orientation sessions start promptly at 8:30 a.m. and end by 4:30 p.m. The session covers Family PACT provider enrollment and responsibilities, client eligibility and enrollment, special scope of client services and benefits, provider resources and client education materials. This is not a billing seminar.

### Provider Orientation and Update Session Registration

Providers should call the Center for Health Training at (510) 835-3795, ext. 113, to register for the session they plan to attend. Providers must supply the name of the Medi-Cal provider or facility, the Medi-Cal provider number, a contact telephone number, the anticipated number of people who will be attending and the location of the orientation session. At the session, providers must present their Medi-Cal provider number, medical license number and photo identification. Individuals representing a clinic or physician group should use the clinic or group Medi-Cal provider number, not the individual provider number or license number.

*Please see **Provider Orientation**, page 8*

**Provider Orientation** (*continued*)

**Completing the Provider Orientation and Update Session**

Upon completion of the orientation session, each prospective new Family PACT medical provider will be mailed a *Certificate of Attendance*. Providers should include the white copy of the *Certificate of Attendance* when submitting the Family PACT application and agreement forms (available at the session) to Provider Enrollment Services.

Providers arriving late or leaving early will not be mailed a *Certificate of Attendance*. Currently enrolled Family PACT providers will not receive a certificate.

**Family PACT Contact Information**

For more information regarding the Family PACT Program, please call the Provider Support Center (PSC) at 1-800-541-5555 (prompt option “17”) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays, or visit the Family PACT Web site at [www.familypact.org](http://www.familypact.org).



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## Instructions for Manual Replacement Pages

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#### Part 2

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                                 dial ex ub 1 thru 5 \*  
                                 hcpcs ii 1/2  
                                 medi non hcp 1/2  
                                 medne non 1/2  
                                 non ph ub 1 thru 3 \*

Remove:                      path bil ub 1 thru 6  
Insert:                        path bil ub 1 thru 7 \* (*new*)

Remove and replace:      podi 1/2

Remove:                      podi 5/6  
Insert:                        podi 5 thru 7 (*new*)

Remove and replace:      podi ub 1 thru 4 \*  
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                                 radi bil ub 1 thru 3 \*  
                                 rural ex 1 thru 3 \*  
                                 spec 5/6 \*  
                                 surg 1/2

Remove:                      surg bill ub 1 thru 13  
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Remove and replace:      tar and non cd9 1/2  
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                                 ub comp op 1/2 \*  
                                 ub spec op 3/4 \*  
                                 up tips op 1/2 \*

\* Pages updated/corrected due to ongoing provider manual revisions.